

CONSERVATION AREAS

Eagle Lake

Located on the shoreline of Eagle Lake, this roadside rest area offers picnicking, swimming and boat access to the lake.

**Location:** On the northeast shore of Eagle Lake off Highway 26, about 3.5 miles west of the City of Madison Lake.

**Lake:** Eagle Lake’s shallow waters contain numerous bullheads and an occasional northern and walleye.

Indian Lake

This 120-acre drained wetland was restored to serve as a wetland mitigation site. It provides excellent wildlife viewing and a nature trail for hikers and horseback riders that winds through the east boundary of the park. The Indian Lake Conservation Area



received a federal Environmental Excellence Award in 1999.

**Location:** One mile south of Mankato off Township Road 174.

Schimek

Located along the Maple River, Schimek Park consists of varying riverside elevations with woods, brush and open areas. The park offers a calm, serene area for a picnic or nature hike.

**Location:** On the east side of the Maple River, about 0.6 miles east of Good Thunder, 0.7 miles northwest off County Road 10.

**River:** The Maple River provides variable success in fishing for bullheads, catfish and an occasional walleye or northern.

Wildwood



This scenic park has a total of 28 acres in three parcels lying on alternate sides of the river. The parcels are joined by a 140 foot long swinging-foot bridge and a 120 foot long trail bridge. The intent is to retain this area in its natural state, providing only a parking area, nature trail, and canoe access to the river.

**Location:** Approximately three miles south of the City of Eagle Lake on both sides of the Le Sueur River off Highway 28.

**River:** At and near the park, the Le Sueur River affords the opportunity to fish for walleye, catfish and bullheads.

WAYSIDE REST AREAS

Fort Le Hillier Landing

This is one of our most popular canoe/kayak landings. The landing was established in 2009. There is ample parking to handle large groups.



**Location:** Off the southeast corner of the CSAH 90 bridge.

**River:** Blue Earth River.

Hungry Hollow Stop

This wayside park resides along Highway 90, and includes a canoe launch to the Le Sueur River, a small boat landing and parking lot.

**Location:** 1 mile east of the South Route bike trail.

Lone Pine

This one-acre park area offers a boat landing, picnic area and shore fishing.



**Location:** Off of County Road 48 on the east end of Madison Lake.

**Lake:** Madison Lake (1,347 acres) contains crappies, sunfish, walleye, northerns, bass and bullheads.

**Location:** The Rapidan Park is located adjacent to the west end of the Rapidan Dam on the Blue Earth River, off County Road 9 in the hamlet of Rapids.

**River:** Adjacent private accesses to the Blue Earth River allows anglers to try for walleye, small-mouth bass, northerns, catfish and crappies.

Red Jacket Trail Park



This day use park, which is part of the Red Jacket Trail System, is located next to a renovated railroad trestle that stretches across the Le Sueur River. A picnic shelter, parking lot, viewing area and canoe launch are highlights of the park.

**Location:** About 2.5 miles south of Mankato off State Highway 66.

**River:** A public canoe launch allows for easy access to the scenic Le Sueur River.

Williams Nature Center

Overlooking the Minnesota River, the land for this park was donated by Williams Pipeline and developed by the Mankato Area Foundation. Williams Nature Center features 1.5 miles of hard-surfaced nature trails, two overlooks, self-guided interpretative stations and an outdoor classroom. The park includes a heated interpretative center/log cabin that can be used for classroom discussions, group meetings and family functions.

**Location:** About three miles west of Mankato off State Highway 68.

Watonwan Stop

This attractive seven-acre park features a canoe and small boat landing, parking lot and picnic shelter.



**Location:** On the Watonwan River, about 6 miles south of Lake Crystal on County Road 20.

**River:** The Watonwan River provides excellent opportunity for canoeing and fishing.

Weagel Park



Located on the Red Jacket Trail just off Indian Lake Road, this small 3 acre rest stop provides parking and a shelter for trail users.

**Location:** About 2.5 miles south of Mankato on Indian Lake Road.

PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS

Bray Park & Campground

Bray Park features open space and attractive wooded areas with a 0.7 mile-long hard surfaced nature trail. An additional 1.4 mile-long primitive footpath trail includes a unique swinging bridge over a ravine. Overnight RV and tent campers are welcome and an on-site log cabin/interpretative center can be reserved for group meetings, family gatherings and company picnics.



**Location:** On the southeastern shore of Madison Lake off County Road 48, about 2 miles southeast of the City of Madison Lake.

**Lake:** Madison Lake (1,347 acres) contains crappies, sunfish, walleye, northerns, bass and bullheads. A fishing dock and boat landing dock are provided.

Daly Park & Campground

This scenic park, which offers a perfect combination of open space and wooded areas, has a wide range of facilities for overnight campers and picnickers. Explore the natural state of the island on a 0.5 mile-long primitive trail, or enjoy a round of frisbee golf at the park’s course.

**Location:** Daly Park is on the northeastern shore of Lura Lake off County Road 191, about 4.5 miles southwest of Mapleton.

**Lake:** Lura Lake (1,263 acres) contains crappies, sunfish, perch, northerns, walleye, bass and bullheads. A fishing pier and dock are provided with a double ramped boat landing.

Duck Lake Park

This popular day-use park offers volleyball, picnicking, fishing, swimming, boat launching and a playground area. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, and fishing boats are available to rent. A resident caretaker is provided during the park season.



**Location:** On the southern shore of Duck Lake off County Road 187, about one-half mile north of the City of Madison Lake.

**Lake:** Duck Lake (288 acres) contains crappies, sunfish, walleye, northerns and bass.

Lake George Park

This small day-use park offers great recreation with a picnic area, swimming beach, boat launch, fishing dock and playground area.

**Location:** On the southeast shore of Lake George off County Road 187, about 3.5 miles northeast of the City of Madison Lake.

**Lake:** Lake George (141 acres) provides fishing for large-mouth bass, northerns, crappies and sunfish.

Rapidan Dam Park & Campground

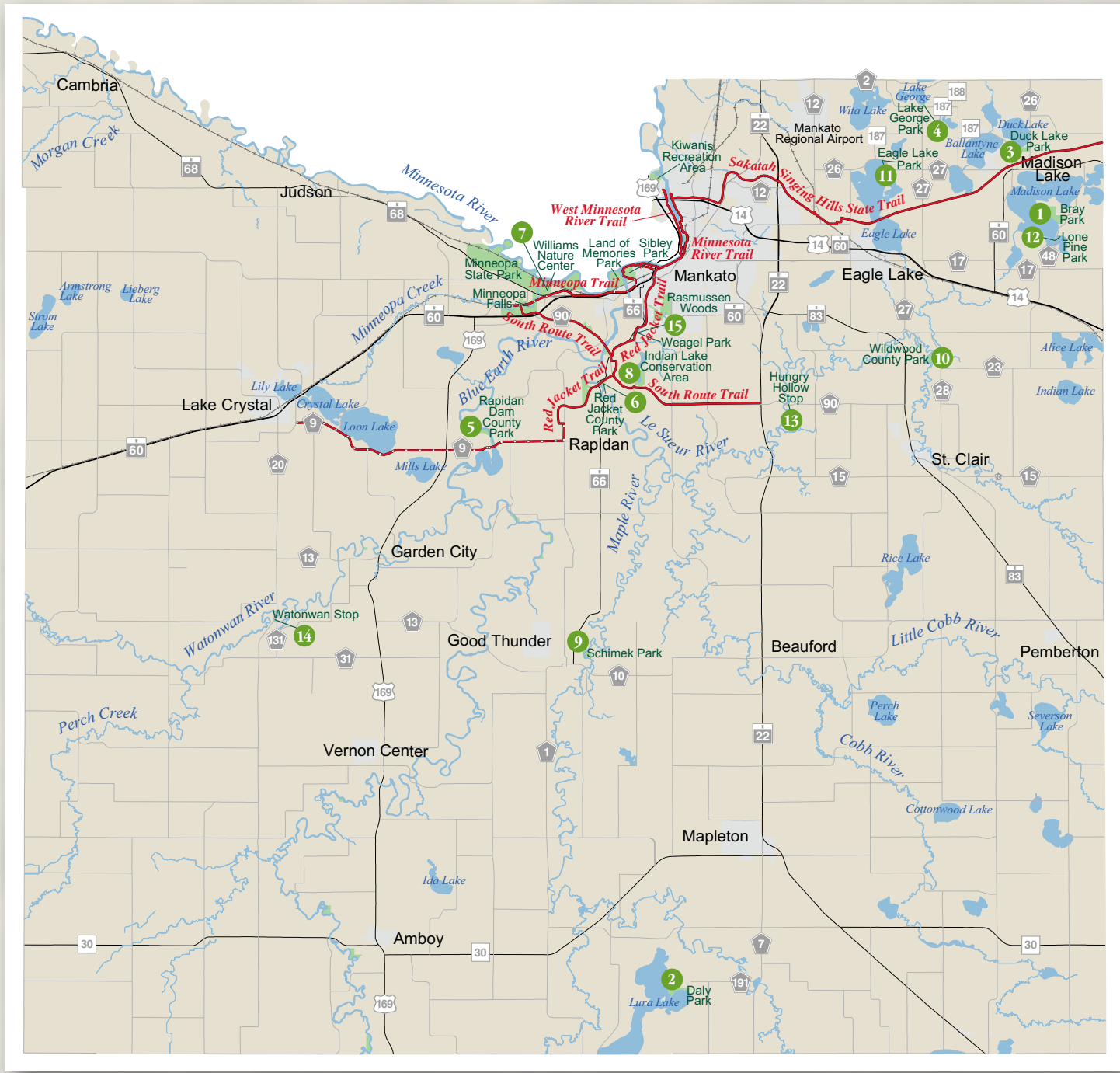
Located in an attractive setting, this pleasant park provides for daytime picnicking, tent camping and playground use. An outstanding view of the scenic river valley is afforded from the park and top of the adjoining dam. A nearby small store provides basic needs for picnickers. A resident caretaker is provided for the season.



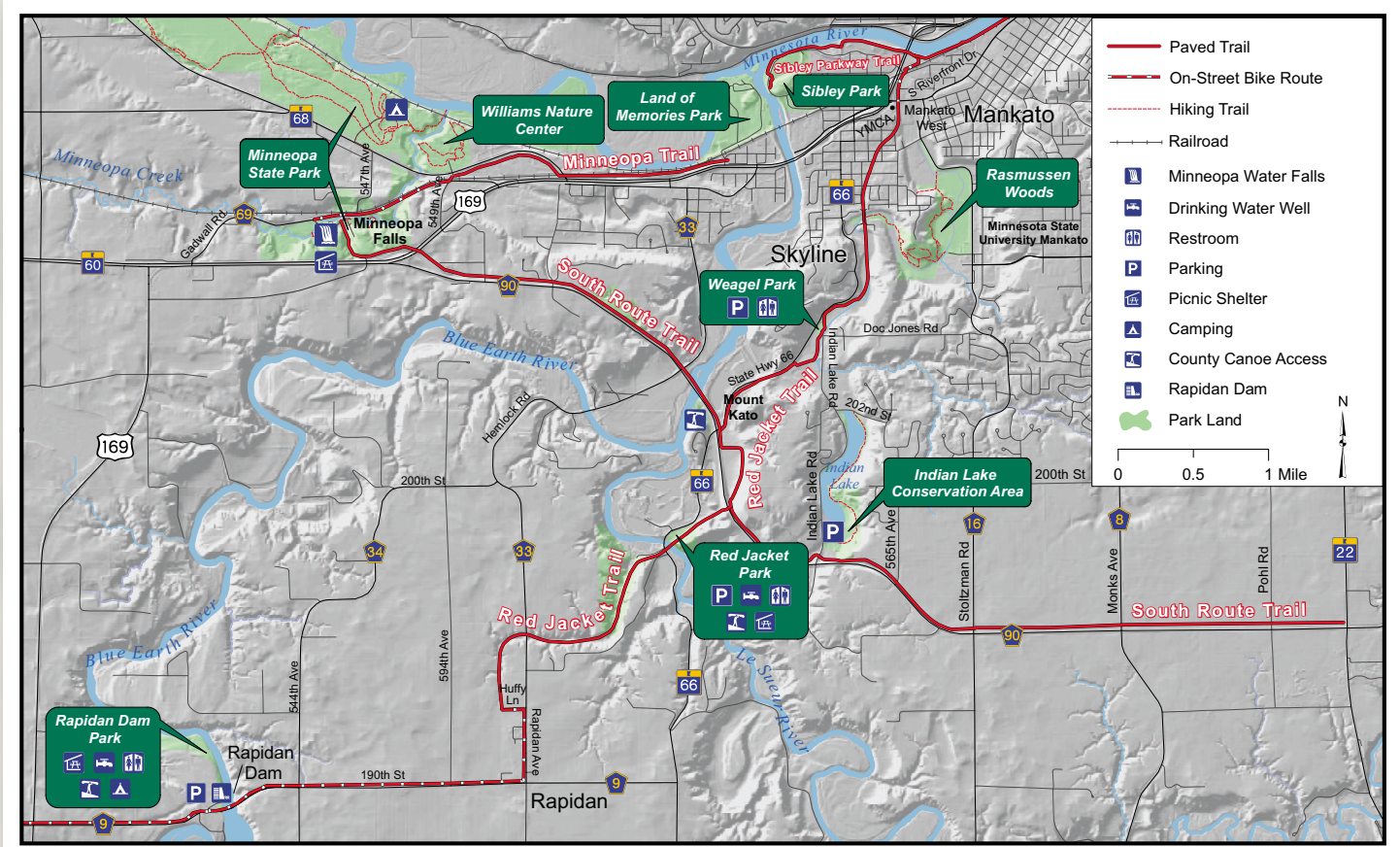
Blue Earth County Parks, Trails & Campgrounds



RECREATION & CONSERVATION AREAS



TRAIL SYSTEM



Amenities

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Mobile Camping Sites	33	71													
Electrical Hookups	•	•													
Bathhouse	•	•	•												
Boat Launch	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	•	
Canoe Rental			•												
Drinking Water	•	•	•		•	•	•								
Dump Station	•	•													
Fire Rings/Grills	•	•	•	•	•					•				•	
Fishing	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	
Fishing Dock	•	•		•											
Horseshoe Pits	•	•			•										
Interpretive Center/Log Cabin	•							•							
Nature Trail	•	•					•	•	•	•					
Paddleboat Rental			•												
Picnic Shelters	•	•	•		•	•				•				•	•
Picnic Tables	•	•	•	•	•	•				•			•	•	
Primitive Restrooms						•							•		
Playground	•	•	•	•	•										
Resident Caretakers	•	•	•		•										
Restrooms	•	•	•					•							
Swim Beach	•		•	•											
Tennis Courts															
Volleyball Courts	•	•	•												
Acquisition Date	SEP 1972	JUNE 1968	DEC 1968	JAN 1966	MAY 1970	APR 1997	SEP 1985	JUNE 1998	AUG 1982	OCT 1980	JULY 1968	NA	JULY 1997	SEP 1994	JUNE 2003

Basic Park Rules

1. Glass beverage containers and beer in containers larger than one quart are not allowed. It is against the law to be under the influence of intoxicating liquors.
2. It is against the law to possess drugs or to be under the influence of drugs.
3. No firearms or hunting is permitted within the park.
4. Pets are allowed, provided they are on a leash no longer than 6 feet, with the exception of Williams Nature Center (pets are not allowed).
5. It is against the law to operate non-licensed vehicles, such as dirt bikes and mini-bikes within the park.

Trail Use Rules

- Trail closes at sunset
- Use caution at all road crossings
- Use right-hand side of trail
- Announce your presence when passing
- Pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet
- No motorized vehicles
- No horses, except on designated secondary tread way
- No hunting
- Do not disturb any plant, wildlife, or other natural or cultural resource

Camping Information

- Reservations are taken by phone or in person at the park for which the reservation is requested. Park personnel will take reservations from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Reservations for Bray and Daly Parks may also be made online at [www.blueearthcountymn.gov](http://www.blueearthcountymn.gov).

Bray Park  
22214 Oriole Rd.  
Madison Lake, MN 56063  
(507) 243-3885

Daly Park  
11056 571st Lane  
Mapleton, MN 56065  
(507) 524-3000

Rapidan Dam Park  
54116 Glory Lane  
Mankato, MN 56001

\*Reservations for Rapidan Dam Campground are offered on a first-come, first-served basis for 20 primitive camping sites.

- Visitors may not make camping or shelter reservations prior to March 1 of the current year. A deposit is required to hold each camping site.
- Mobile and tent camping sites are offered. Electrical and water hookups are available, and a dump station is provided at each camping park.
- For additional information, contact Blue Earth County's main park office in Mankato.

Blue Earth County Park Department  
35 Map Drive  
Mankato, MN 56001  
(507) 304-4025



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